## Special Report

## "Dinner with Colleague(s)"

An Investigative Series on the use of the CoB's Budget

This Special Report takes a look at a recent stack of paperwork obtained by usmpride.com investigators involving several meals that CoB Associate Dean Farhang Niroomand has had with various "colleagues." The parties involved, and the purpose of these meals, is not spelled out by Niroomand on any of his reimbursement forms. It seems as though Niroomand's thinking is that simply using the word "colleague(s)" makes any meal expenditure legitimate.

Our first example is inserted below:

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The screen above indicates that Niroomand had a "business dinner" with Dr. Samii and Mr. and Mrs. Echeveria. That's good to know. Now, what does it mean? Niroomand doesn't say. What we do know is that Niroomand was in Miami in November of 2005 for the Association for Global Business (see below), an organization that has been the subject of numerous reports at usmpride.com over the past few weeks.

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An indication of who "Dr. Samii" is can be found in the Special Report entitled "How much does *JCRGB* Sponsorship Cost the CoB?" "Dr. Samii" is pictured in that report. An insert containing that picture is presented below:



## From Left to Right:

Professor Farhang Niroomand Dean, University of Southern Mississippi; Professor Roger Doost, Clemson University; Professor Massood Samii, Southern New Hampshire University (Riding the donkey all the way to Boston!); Professor Nader Asgary, SUNY College at Genesco; Professor Hossein Vaaramini, Elizabethtown College.

Missing in Action!!!! ----President Faramarz Damanpour (Maybe attending the APEC summit in Santiago)

The "Dr. Samii" in Niroomand's reimbursement report is Massood Samii of Southern New Hampshire University. The photo identifies Samii, an "AGB Amigo" as the one in the middle who is "*Riding the donkey all the way to Boston!*" Perhaps Mr. and Mrs. Echeveria are also affiliated with the AGB Amigos.

The next example of Niroomand's meals with colleagues is a business lunch in Jackson with Ms. Travis and Mr. Jim Harper (see below).

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Niroomand reports a number of business meals in the following reimbursement form:

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These seem to all be Mississippi-based meals. On 4 August 2005, Niroomand had a business lunch with Dr. Green at the World Trade Center in Jackson (\$15.50). Niroomand had another business lunch with Ms. Stephens and Ms. Miller at the World Trade Center on the same day (\$91.00). That's two lunches on the same day, with three different people, totaling \$106.50.

Also in the screen above, the CoB Associate Dean lists a business lunch on 25 July 2005 in Gulfport with "colleagues," yet he fails to list any names other than his own. The total was \$33.37. Again on 17 August 2005 Niroomand has a meal alone (apparently), yet claims to have eaten with a "faculty member." The total on this one was \$21.60. Niroomand uses the term "colleagues" on three of four lines in the form above. That should be all financial affairs officers at USM would need, right?

On 23 August 2005 Niroomand had a "dinner meeting" with Barbara Travis of the World Trade Center. The two dined at the Silver Star Resort and Casino (\$55.37), as the screen below indicates:

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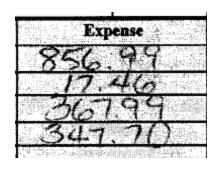
Even on his 30 September 2005 "academic visit" to Irvine, California, a trip reported on earlier by usmpride.com, Niroomand found some people to eat dinner with him (if he's paying, why not?). The screens below show that Niroomand had a "Business dinner with colleague" in Irvine:

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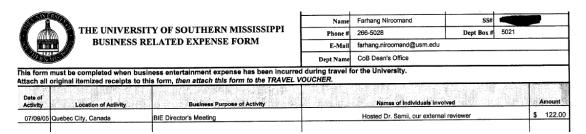
The total for Niroomand's dinner with Dr. Smith and Mr. Guider came to \$56.09. Visitors to usmpride.com will recall that Niroomand's "academic visit" to Irvine produced a hefty tab (see below).

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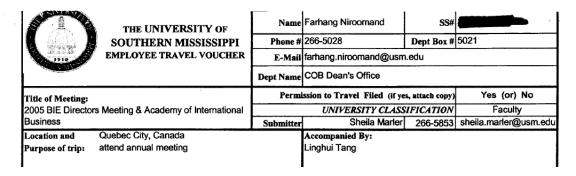
In fact, the tab was large enough to require four of Niroomand's money pots (see below).



The screen below shows that Niroomand and Dr. Samii got together again in Quebec City in July of 2005.

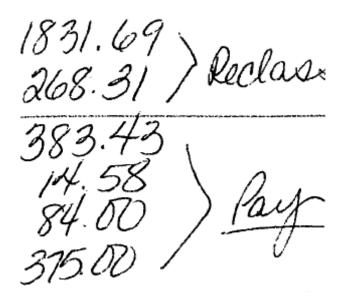


The cost of "hosting" Dr. Samii at the BIE Director's Meeting came to \$122.00. Niroomand met Dr. Samii at the Association for International Business meeting in Quebec City (see below).



That 2005 AIB meeting was so costly that USM financial affairs officials appear to have had difficulty figuring out Niroomand's instructions for financing it (see below).

TOTAL ALL EXPENSES \$ 2,957.01



This report seems to be adding to the data associated with the cost to the CoB of sponsoring Niroomand's activities with the Association for Global Business. As such, a future Special Report will be dedicated to additional costs associated with the AGB that are being discovered by usmpride.com investigators.

Next we turn to meals in Washington, D.C., that look to be associated with Niroomand's "Project Outreach" grant work (see below).

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07/21/05	Washington, DC	workshop		Lunch with Dr. Hewi	tt	\$	36.95
07/22/05	Washington, DC	workshop	Dinn	er with my colleague, Dr. Shah, w	ho provided lodging	\$	61.43

The dinners above involved Dr. Shah and Dr. Hewitt, Niroomand's "colleagues." These meals, all occurring in July of 2005, total more than \$200.

A future report in the Special Report series will examine other university-funded meals that Niroomand has hosted. Some appear to show Niroomand meddling in job search processes.